



LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

December 14, 2004

The Honorable Board of Directors
Los Angeles County
Regional Park and Open Space District
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Directors:

**ALLOCATE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT SPECIFIED EXCESS FUNDS
TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION AND
AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF AN EXCESS FUNDS GRANT
(SECOND DISTRICT - 3 - VOTE MATTER)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Allocate Second Supervisorial District Specified Excess Funds in the amount of \$4,677,474.40 to the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) for the acquisition and development of parcels of land for the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area.
2. Authorize the Interim Director of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award a grant to the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority (Authority) for the above acquisition and development project when applicable conditions have been met and to administer the grant as of the date of this action and pursuant to procedures in the Procedural Guide for Specified and Per Parcel Projects.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approval of the first recommendation will allocate \$4,677,474.40 in Specified Excess Funds to the Department for the acquisition and development of parcels of land for the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area. All parcels acquired and developed would be within the approved boundary for the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, which consists of 1,296 acres. Currently, the Recreation Area consists of 500 acres of

developed park land and open space. The planned acquisition and development project would expand the park through the acquisition and development of parcels within the remaining 796 acres approved for the facility.

The Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition) requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds.

In three related actions on today's agenda, 1) the Chief Administrative Office and the Department are recommending that your Board, acting as the County's Board of Supervisors, approve the Department's request to reallocate certain funds allocated to the Department under the 1992 and 1996 Propositions; and 2) the District is recommending that your Board approve the reallocation of Per Parcel funds and the revised plans of expenditure and alternative plans of expenditure necessary to allow the Department's requested reallocations. Upon approval of these two related items, and the execution of grant agreements and amendments to implement the proposed reallocations, the Department will meet the necessary requirement to receive grants of Excess Funds.

In the third related item on today's agenda, the Department, which is the designated recipient of Specified Excess Funds for projects in the Baldwin Hills under the 1996 Proposition, is requesting that your Board, in its capacity as the County's Board of Supervisors, assign the right to apply for the funds to the Authority.

It is recommended that the Interim Director of Parks and Recreation be authorized to award the grant to the Authority when applicable conditions have been met, such as grantee qualifications and consistency between the projects and requirements of the 1996 Proposition, and to administer the grant under procedures previously approved by your Board.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendations further the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goal 1 (Service Excellence), Goal 4 (Fiscal Responsibility), Goal 5 (Children and Families' Well-being) and Goal 6 (Community Service) by allocating Excess Funds for enhanced recreational opportunities at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area in the Baldwin Hills.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grant in the amount of \$4,677,474.40 is budgeted in the Second Supervisorial District portion of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6.

Funds for the grant are available from the Second Supervisorial District's portion of the Regional Park and Open Space District allocations of Excess Funds for Fiscal Year 2004-05.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining each fiscal year the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. It provides for an annual determination of the availability of excess funds and for allocation of such funds for capital projects in four categories. On June 8, 2004, your Board identified excess funds for capital projects in Fiscal Year 2004-05. The recommended grant would be funded from the Excess Funds available for highest priority regional open space and recreation projects in the Baldwin Hills within the Second Supervisorial District.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Interim Director of Parks and Recreation would be authorized to award a grant when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by your Board, but not encumbered by award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by your Board in the following fiscal year.

Your Board approved a Procedural Guide on June 17, 1997, to govern the administration of Regional Park and Open Space District grants for Specified and Per Parcel projects. This Procedural Guide would appropriately govern the administration of the recommended grant as well.

County Counsel has reviewed these actions as to form.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

A Grant Project Agreement will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Interim Director of Parks and Recreation and pursuant to the

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Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 1997. The Project Agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended project will provide additional recreational opportunities at Kenneth Hahn Recreation Area in the Baldwin Hills.


ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

These actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Section 15316 and 15325 of the State CEQA Guidelines and classes 16 and 25 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987. Any projects funded through the District are required to undergo the applicable CEQA review by their grantee agencies.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one conformed copy of this action to the Chief Administrative Office, Capital Projects Division, and to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,



Russ Guiney
Interim Director, Parks and Recreation

- c: Chief Administrative Officer
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors (22)
County Counsel